

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Matthew Vitner, P.E.
City Engineer

Phone: 815-987-5570

September 18, 2014

E-mail: matthew.vitner@rockfordil.gov

CIP UPDATE

Harrison Avenue Bridge Deck Replacement

On May 23, 2014 construction began on the Harrison Avenue Bridge to replace the deck over the Rock River. Traffic is now shifted to the north side with one lane of traffic each way. The Bridge will remain open to traffic, but be prepared for possible traffic delays. Construction is expected to be complete by October 31, 2014. Please use caution when driving in this area.

Bridge Railing Repairs – 2014

On May 27, 2014 contractors began replacing bridge railings throughout the City as follows:

- Kishwaukee Street / 10th Avenue Park.
- Safford Road over Kent Creek.

This work will be ongoing throughout the summer. All lane closures will occur only during daytime hours. Please use caution when driving in these areas.

Railroad Avenue Bridge Replacement

Starting Monday September 15, 2014 Railroad Avenue will be closed between 8th Street and 9th Street. Construction crews will be replacing the Railroad Avenue Bridge. Construction should last through the fall. Please use caution when driving in

the area. Questions concerning these projects, please contact Martin Ruvolo at 815-961-3772.

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #7-2014

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2014 package #7 has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work throughout the city at various locations beginning with the Southwest and near West Side of Rockford. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

Froberg School Sidewalk Installation - 2014

Froberg School Sidewalk Installation 2014 will begin August 20th. Construction activities may include but are not limited to installing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work at 4555 20th Street beginning with the North most Side of Froberg School. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #6-2014

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2014 package #6 has begun. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work throughout the city at various locations beginning with the Southeast and near East Side of Rockford. Starting in front of Whitehead School on Ohio Pkwy. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation during this work.

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Charles Englund (815-961-3152) at the Public Works Department. Thank you for your consideration.

Falcon Road and Airport Drive Roadway Reconstruction Project

Beginning the week of September 15, Falcon Road will be closed in segments for the reconstruction project. No thru traffic will be allowed except for local businesses. A detour route will be posted for drivers traveling in the area. The Falcon Road Reconstruction Project will include all roadways from New Milford School Road to Airport Drive, including intersection improvements at New Milford School Road, Samuelson Road and Airport Drive. The project will consist of pavement removal, reclaiming existing pavement, curb and gutter, ditch and water way improvements, reconstruction of business entrances, erosion control and new asphalt pavement. It is anticipated that Falcon Road will be completed by November 15, 2014.

Airport Drive is tentatively scheduled to begin road construction on April 2015. The Airport Drive reconstruction Project will include all roadway from Kishwaukee Street

to Illinois 251 (11th Street). This reconstruction project will consist of pavement removal, excavation, concrete pavement, curb and gutter, median, landscaping, storm sewer installation, street lighting, traffic signal modernization, erosion control and new concrete pavement. Some notable improvements to the project will be constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Kishwaukee Street and Airport Drive, rail road crossing reconstruction and straightening out the road way east of the rail road crossing. It is anticipated that the Airport Drive Reconstruction Project will be completed by November 15, 2015.

<u>US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street Sunset Avenue to West of</u> <u>Bridge Over Kent Creek Roadway Reconstruction.</u>

US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street, Sunset Avenue to West of Bridge over Kent Creek, Roadway Reconstruction consists of the complete reconstruction and widening of Business Route 20 and the realignment of Jefferson Street. This includes pavement removal, excavation, PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, storm sewer installation, retaining wall construction, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all other necessary to complete the improvements. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of August.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project.

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

<u>US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street Sunset Avenue to West of</u> <u>Bridge Over Kent Creek Roadway Reconstruction</u>.

US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street, Sunset Avenue to West of Bridge over Kent Creek, Roadway Reconstruction consists of the complete reconstruction and widening of Business Route 20 and the realignment of Jefferson Street. This includes pavement removal, excavation, PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, storm sewer installation, retaining wall construction, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all

other necessary to complete the improvements. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of August.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project.

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

IL- 2 / South Main Street - Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Roadway Project (South of Pond Street to just North of Cedar Street)

The project consists of pavement removal, excavation, roadway re-alignment, PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, landscaped median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, storm sewer installation, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all other necessary items to complete the improvements. The project completion date is late 2015.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. The City will relay information as it becomes available.

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

IL-2/South Main Street - Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Roadway Project (Beltline Road to 0.4 miles north of Harrison Avenue)

IDOT has tentatively scheduled construction on Harrison Avenue & S. Main Street Intersection for early October. Harrison Avenue will be closed from S. Main Street and Express Lane (entrance road to Shell Gas Station). An alternative eastern route will be provided 1 block south of the S. Main Street/Harrison Avenue intersection and will end on Express Lane which is accessible to Harrison Avenue. Drivers are reminded to utilize alternate routes when traveling in this area.

IL- 2 / South Main Street – IDOT Roadway Project is underway. The project consists of widening and resurfacing, pavement removal and replacement, adding lanes and a barrier median, curb and gutter, adding a bike path, providing right and left turn lanes, and installing lighting and traffic signals. IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. The project anticipated completion date is late 2014.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. The City will relay information as it becomes available.

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Austin Crull in the Public Works Department at (815) 987-5637. Thank you for your consideration.

Broadway/Auburn Street Resurfacing - 2014

On July 14th, 2014 construction work began on the Broadway/Auburn Street Resurfacing project. The project includes full width resurfacing with major curb and gutter, sidewalk repairs, and ADA ramps, along with driveway approaches and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) 11th Street Broadway to 15th Avenue
- 2) Broadway Kishwaukee Street to 4th Street (Patching Only)
- 3) Broadway 9th Street to 11th Street
- 4) Auburn Street Independence Avenue to Furman Street
- 5) Auburn Street Kent Creek Bridge to Pauline Avenue

For questions concerning these projects, please contact Steven Sumner at 815-967-6743.

City Wide Street Repairs Group #3 - 2014

On August 18th, 2014 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group #3 project. Work will consist of full width resurfacing with major curb and gutter replacement, sidewalk replacement, ADA ramps, driveway approach replacement, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 1) Hutchins Avenue from South Gardiner Avenue to South Highland Avenue
- 2) Sanford Street from Loomis Street to Montague Street
- 3) Kent Street from Sanford Street to Corbin Street
- 4) 12th Avenue from 29th Street to 30th Street
- 5) 4th Avenue from 7th Street to 8th Street

Full curb and gutter replacement, new curb and gutter installation, sidewalk replacement, new sidewalk installation, driveway approach replacement, brick pavers to be removed and replaced, roadway P.C.C. Patching, with structure repairs as need at the following locations:

1) Camp Avenue from Hancock Street to Douglas Street

- 2) Kingsway Avenue Concrete Patching from Larson Avenue to Dempster Avenue
- 3) 10th Street Curb and Gutter from 10th Avenue to Rail Road Tracks
- 4) Clinton Street Curb and Gutter from Harper Avenue to South 200 feet
- 5) Clinton Street Brick Pavers from Brown Avenue to South 100 feet
- 6) Harper Avenue Curb and Gutter at intersection of Harlem Boulevard and Harper Avenue
- 7) Melrose Street Curb and Gutter at 1825 Melrose Street
- 8) Avon Street Curb and Gutter at intersection of Andrews Street and Avon Street
- 9) Concord Avenue Curb and Gutter from Elm Street to Delaware Street
- 10) Independence Avenue Curb and Gutter from Jefferson Street to Mulberry Street

Full width resurfacing with structure repairs as need, partial reconstruction of roadway with new curb and gutter and installation of new dry wells to help improve drainage in the area at the following location:

1) Roosevelt Road from 7th Street to Collins Street

Alleyway reconstruction with new P.C.C. surface, alleyway approach, sidewalk, and new dry well to help improve drainage at the follow location:

1) Alley 138 from the 1600 Block of Keefe Street to the East

City Wide Street Repairs Group #4 - 2014

On September 5th, 2014 construction work began on the City Wide Street Repairs Group #4 project. Work will consist of full width resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 6) Thoren Lane from Shadow Ridge Road to End of Thoren Lane
- 7) Soland Drive from Thornberry Drive to Cul-de-sac
- 8) South Rock Drive from Dawes Road to Central Avenue
- 9) Sylvia Avenue from Lucille Street to Martha Avenue
- 10) Wills Avenue from 10th Street to 11th Street
- 11) Court Street from Auburn Street to King Street
- 12) Gladstone Avenue from Grenshaw Street to Edgemont Street
- 13) Grenshaw Street from Garfield Drive to Gladstone Avenue
- 14) King Street from Ridge Avenue to Garrison Avenue
- 15) North Avenue from Auburn Street to King Street

- 16) Richmond Street from Sunnyside Avenue to Gilbert Avenue
- 17) Rockwell Street from Gilbert Avenue to Garfield Drive
- 18) Lawndale Avenue from Winnebago Street to Carney Avenue
- 19) Dawn Avenue from East State Street to Raven Street
- 20) Hilton Avenue from East State Street to Crosby Street
- 21) 20th Avenue from 7th Street to 9th Street
- 22) 22nd Avenue from 10th Street to Parmele Street
- 23) Johns Woods Drive from Briar Lane to End of Johns Woods Drive
- 24) Abilene Trail from Overland Trail to Cul-de-sac
- 25) Arthur Avenue from Bluefield Street to Filmore Street
- 26) Cameron Avenue from West State Street to Driveway
- 27) Forest Avenue from Andrews Street to School Street
- 28) Leslie Avenue from Fairview Avenue to Ashland Avenue
- 29) West Jefferson Street from Miriam Avenue to Johnston Avenue

Alleyway Resurfacing with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 11) Alley 344 from the 1600 Block of 2nd Avenue to Alley 335
- 12) Alley 335 from the 0100 Block of 12th Street to South Prospect Street
- 13) Alley 353 from the 0100 Block of North Prospect Street to North Gardiner Avenue
- 14) Alley 658 from the 1900 Block of 9th Avenue to 10th Avenue
- 15) Alley 662 from the 1900 Block of 8th Avenue to 9th Avenue
- 16) Alley 665 from the 0800 Block of 18th Street to 19th Street
- 17) Alley 703 from the 2300 Block of Crosby Street to East State Street
- 18) Alley 694 from the 1100 Block of Crosby Street to the 0200 Block of Adams Street
- 19) Alley 296 from the 1700 Block of Rose Avenue to Central Avenue
- 20) Alley 866 from the 0800 Block of Blake Street to Kent Street
- 21) Alley 868 from the 0900 Block of Blake Street to Kent Street
- 22) Alley 1056 from the 3000 Block of Parkside Avenue to Arline Avenue
- 23) Alley 1079 from the 3100 Block of Blackstone Avenue to Montrose Avenue
- 24) Alley 320 from the 0900 Block of 8th Avenue to 9th Avenue
- 25) Alley 494 from the 1300 Block of 11th Avenue to 12th Avenue
- 26) Alley 505 from the 0400 Block of 7th Street to 8th Street
- 27) Alley 514 from the 0400 Block of Auburn Street to Ellis Avenue
- 28) Alley 582 from the 1200 Block of Jonathan Avenue to Deborah Avenue

Bituminous Patching with curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA ramps, driveway approaches, and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

- 2) Reid Farm Road from Shadow Ridge Road to Clovernook Road
- 3) Shadow Ridge Road from Thoren Lane to Reid Farm Road
- 4) Foxborough Lane from Wilderness Trail to Fox Pointe
- 5) Pepper Drive from Sage Drive to Ramblewood Lane
- 6) Montague Street from Corbin Street to Ferguson Street
- 7) Tesa Road at the Intersection of Tesa Road and 35th Street
- 8) Arthur Avenue from Horace Avenue to Day Avenue
- 9) Binn Court at the Intersection of Binn Court and Horsman Street
- 10) Edgemont Street from Knight Avenue to Kenmore Avenue
- 11) Fairview Avenue from Oakley Avenue to Independence Avenue
- 12) Garfield Avenue from Rockwell Street to Belden Street
- 13) Garrison Avenue from Auburn Street to King Street
- 14) Grant Avenue from John Street to Cul-de-sac
- 15) Grenshaw Street from Knight Avenue to Ridgeway Avenue
- 16) Horsman Street from Garfield Avenue to Bruce Street
- 17) Irving Avenue from Fairview Avenue to Ashland Avenue
- 18) Kenmore Avenue from Edgemont Street to Kilburn Avenue
- 19) King Street from Garrison Avenue to North Avenue
- 20) Knight Avenue from Edgemont Street to Grenshaw Street
- 21) Richmond Street from Arline Avenue to Parkside Avenue
- 22) Sherman Avenue from Furman Street to Irving Avenue
- 23) Sunnyside Avenue from Kilburn Street to End of Sunnyside Avenue
- 24) Eastmoreland Avenue from Broadway to Florida Drive
- 25) Ohio Parkway from Carolina Avenue to Wesleyan Avenue
- 26) Bell Meade Lane from Parkside Drive to Blenheim Drive
- 27) Cresent Drive from Sequoia Road to Hillcrest Road
- 28) Crosby Street from Thrush Circle to Skylark Drive
- 29) Gramercy Drive from Strathmoor Drive to End of Gramercy Drive
- 30) Hawthorne Avenue at the Intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Harney Court
- 31) Jackson Avenue from Warren Avenue to Fairview Boulevard
- 32) Norwich Drive from Monticello Lane to Williamsburg Road
- 33) Parkside Drive from Larson Avenue to Wind Point Drive
- 34) Parliament Place from Regents Park Road to Regents Park Road
- 35) Sequoia Road from Dogwood Circle to Lanewood Drive
- 36) Skylark Drive Patching from Fairview Boulevard to Crosby Street
- 37) Strathmoor Drive from Gramercy Drive to Bancroft Court
- 38) Vale Avenue from Jackson Street to Greenwood Avenue
- 39) 5th Street at the Intersection of 5th Street and 21st Avenue
- 40) 16th Avenue from 15th Street to 16th Street
- 41) 22nd Avenue from 8th Street to 9th Street
- 42) Bluefield Street Patching from Fairview Avenue to Ashland Avenue
- 43) Intersection of Fairview Avenue and Avon Street
- 44) Walton Street at McDonalds Enterance

45) Parking Lot Patching at the Corner of Madison Street and Walnut Street

Reconstruction of roadway with 10" aggregate base and 8" bituminous surface with curb and gutter and structure repairs as needed at the following locations:

1) Trainer Road at the Intersection of Trainer Road and East State Street

For questions concerning these projects, please contact Steven Sumner at 815-967-6743.

Illinois Route 251 – Harrison Avenue and 11th Street Illinois Department of Transportation Resurfacing Project

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be resurfacing portions of Illinois Route 251 during the 2014 and 2015 construction seasons. The project scope consists of asphalt pavement milling, pavement patching, inlet and manhole adjustments, traffic signal detector loop installation, new hot-mix asphalt pavement, and thermoplastic pavement markings.

The project limits are Harrison Avenue from Kishwaukee Street to 9th Street and 11th Street from Sandy Hollow Road to Alton Avenue. Harrison Avenue will be resurfaced during the 2014 construction season; 11th Street will be resurfaced in spring 2015.

Construction commenced on September 4, 2014 with asphalt pavement milling of Harrison Avenue. The road will remain open to traffic during construction activities with periodic lane closures. The anticipated completion date for Harrison Avenue is October 2014. As noted above work on 11th Street will occur in 2015.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project

Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

<u>U.S. Business Route 20/East State Street</u> <u>Illinois Department of Transportation Resurfacing Project</u> (Fairview Avenue to Mid-America Drive)

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be resurfacing East State Street from Fairview Avenue to Mid-America Drive during the 2014 construction season.

The project scope consists of asphalt pavement milling, pavement patching, inlet and manhole adjustments, traffic signal detector loop installation, new hot-mix asphalt pavement, and thermoplastic pavement markings.

Work will be divided up into three (3) Phases. Phase 1 contains the area from Mid-America Drive to Phelps Avenue, Phase 2 is from Phelps Avenue to Dawn Avenue, and Phase 3 is from Dawn Avenue to Fairview Avenue.

Construction commenced on June 16, 2014. As of July 23, 2014 all hot-mix asphalt binder has been placed for the three (3) phases. Current work items being performed is the adjustment/reconstruction of manholes and inlets and the installation of traffic signal detector loops. Work will occur during the hours of 8:00 PM to 11:00 AM. The road will remain open during construction activities with periodic lane closures. At the completion of work each morning at 11:00 AM all lanes will be re-opened to traffic. The anticipated completion date is October 2014.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project

Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

<u>U.S. Business Route 20/West State Street</u> <u>Illinois Department of Transportation Resurfacing Project</u> <u>(Springfield Avenue to Day Avenue)</u>

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be resurfacing West State Street from Springfield Avenue to Day Avenue during the 2014 construction season. The project scope consists of asphalt pavement milling, pavement patching, inlet and manhole adjustments, traffic signal detector loop installation, new hot-mix asphalt pavement, and thermoplastic pavement markings.

Construction will commence on August 18, 2014 with asphalt pavement milling. The road will remain open to traffic during construction activities with periodic lane closures. The anticipated completion date is late September 2014.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project

Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

Questions regarding this project can be directed to Tyler Nelson, P.E. in the Public Works Department at (815) 967-4311. Thank you for your consideration.